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SUBJECT: LEE SUNG-HO PRESS CONFERENCE

1. LEE SUNG-HO, BROTHER-IN-LAW OF KIM TAE-CHUNG, ARRIVED IN TOKYO SEPTEMBER 1 FROM WASHINGTON. RESIDENT OF UNITED STATES SINCE 1955, HE IS REPORTED BY PRESS TO OPERATE TRAVEL AGENCY IN WASHINGTON.

2. IN PRESS CONFERENCE HELD FOLLOWING DAY AT TOKYO HEADQUARTERS OF MINDAN (PRO-ROK LEAGUE OF KOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN) LEE CHARGED THAT KIM TAE-CHUNG ABDUCTION WAS WORK OF KCIA. HE SAID THAT ROKG AND GOJ SHOULD COOPERATE TO RESTORE KIM TAE-CHUNG TO FORMER FREE STATUS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. LEE ALSO STATED THAT HARVARD PRESIDENT HAS WRITTEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG-HEE, INVITING KIM TAE-CHUNG TO TAKE RESEARCH POSITION AT UNIVERSITY.

4. LEE EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH QTE LUKEWARM ATTITUDE UNQTE OF GOJ TOWARD KCIA ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN, IN
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CONTRAST TO GROWING CRITICISM OF SUCH ACTIVITIES WHICH HE

CLAIMED TO HAVE WITNESSED IN UNITED STATES.

5. LEE SAID TO HOPE MEET KIM TAE-CHUNG IN TOKYO, SHOULD
HE BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO JAPAN. ACCORDING TO SOME PRESS
ACCOUNTS LEE SAID THAT HE WAS HEARD FROM USG SOURCE THAT USG IS
EXERTING PRESSURE ON ROKG TO ALLOW KIM-TAE-CHUNG TO RETURN TO
JAPAN.
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